

# A Message from our Rector

Angela Tilby, a leading Anglican writer says;

*One of the spiritual tragedies of our time is the loss of personal relationships in daily life that has come through our increasingly automated world. We are in danger of becoming spiritually autistic, isolated and empty, aware only of our needs and incapable of recognizing the reality of other people.*

*Christ shows us that our neediness cannot be met by grasping at what we imagine will satisfy us. Ultimately, we need to recognize our emptiness and turn away from ourselves to the love that already embraces us. At the point at which Jesus faces utter exclusion and rejection, he assures us that the divine persons make their home with those who believe. "On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you."*

We have our own passion to bear and may experience loneliness, trouble and abandonment, but Christ leaves us his promise that all will be well.

We have become increasingly single minded as a society. One of the good things to come out of our current crisis is that we are all more aware of the needs of other people and have become more appreciative of the efforts of our frontline workers whom we normally, at the best take for granted and at the worst are fairly dismissive.

Jesus does leave us his promise that all will be well and we will celebrate that as we think about the two very important festivals of Ascension Day next Thursday and Pentecost at the end of the month.

Thoughts and prayers. Stay alert.

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